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INDIANA COMMISSION ON MENTAL RETARDATION AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 17, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Rep. Sheila Klinker, Chair; Rep. Robert Alderman; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Sen. Rose Ann Antich; Sylvia Brantley; Suda Hopkins; Dr. Joanne Rains; Betty Williams; Christopher Durcholtz.

Members Absent: Thomas VanMeter; Sally Lowery.

LSA Staff Present: Ron Sobecki, Fiscal Analyst; Carrie Cloud, Staff Attorney, Steve Wenning, Staff Attorney, Ann Naughton, Staff Attorney.

Representative Shelia Klinker called the meeting to order and stated that this was a joint meeting of the Indiana Commission on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) and the Indiana Commission on Autism. She asked the members present to introduce themselves.

Senator Robert Jackman

Senator Jackman explained that he has discovered a problem with children who have a developmental disability and are also wards of the county as a child in need of

services (CHINS)¹. He stated that when a CHINS individual turns 18, the county will no longer pay for the services provided as a CHINS child or for foster care. If the individual also has a developmental disability, he/she would have to be put on a waiting list for some type of residential placement. He stated the problem is that, in the interim, these individuals have no place to live nor do they receive any services. Sen. Jackman stated that in his constituent's case, the individual cannot live at home because of a problem with abuse. He stated that it is his understanding that there are 5,000 individuals within the state in this situation.

Preliminary Draft Legislation- PD 3115

Mr. Steve Wenning, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Agency, discussed PD 3115 with Commission members².

Ms. Kathy Davis, Secretary, Family and Social Services Administration, testified that the needed appropriation to implement PD 3115 would be for \$75 million in FY 2000 and \$86 million in FY 2001³. She stated that this would be an increase of \$14 million above the current appropriation for FY 2000 and \$25 million above the current appropriation in FY 2001. She said that she was making these recommendations as chair of the 317 Task Force and not as the FSSA secretary. Ms. Davis testified that half of the increase in funding is needed to maintain existing services and the other half is to serve individuals on the waiting list for services. Ms. Davis explained that through budget consolidation the FSSA is able to provide \$7 million of the additional funding.

Representative Alderman expressed his concern about how difficult it will be to pass the preliminary draft which contains an increase in funding during the next legislative session. In response to Rep. Alderman's concern, the Commission discussed the need to create a public awareness plan regarding the needs of the MRDD population.

The MRDD Commission approved PD 3115 by an 8 to 0 vote.

John Dickerson, Executive Director, Association of Retarded Citizens

Mr. John Dickerson stated that it would cost an additional \$10 million to provide services to the 9,000 individuals who are currently on the waiting lists for services. Mr. Dickerson showed the Commission a video that was developed to show the successful movement of individuals from the New Castle Developmental Center to community settings.

¹ A copy of the information provided by Senator Robert Jackman is on file in the Legislative Information Center, Room 230, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana. The telephone number of the Legislative Information Center is (317) 232-9856, and the mailing address is 200 W. Washington St., Suite 301, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2789.

² A copy of PD 3115 is on file with the Legislative Information Center (see footnote 1).

³ A copy of the 317 Task Force Analysis of the need for additional state funding is on file with the Legislative Information Center (see footnote 1).

Mr. John Fuller addressed the Commission on the difficulty he has had in finding the services for his autistic daughter.

Representative Klinker set the next meeting for September 21, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State House.

There being no further business, Representative Klinker adjourned the meeting.